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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a health care provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In September 2018 the Surgical Technologist Program charged surgical technologist **Norma J. Morgan** (ST00003599) with unprofessional conduct. Morgan allegedly scrubbed in for an openheart surgical procedure while she was under the influence of alcohol.

Clallam County

In September 2018 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Richard A. Marschall** (NT00000532) with unprofessional conduct. A 2018 Thurston County Superior Court order permanently prohibited Marschall from the practice of naturopathic medicine, from representing himself as a naturopathic physician, from using the initials "ND," and from using the title "doctor," "naturopath," or any other similar title without the requisite health care credential. In the order, Marschall stipulated to findings that he had continued to practice naturopathic medicine despite not having had a license since 2013. A 2017 federal criminal conviction required Marschall to remove his website. Charges say he hasn't removed the website. Marschall's disciplinary and criminal history dates back to 2011.

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Clark County

In September 2018 the secretary of health ended conditions on the ambulatory surgical facility credential of **Salmon Creek Plastic Surgery P.C.** (FS60101710).

Cowlitz County

In September 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency trainee credential to **Daphne Lynn Kraabell** (CO60884358) and ordered her to continue participating in a substance use monitoring program, a condition imposed when she received an agency-affiliated counselor credential in 2017.

King County

In September 2018 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Bethany Barnes** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Barnes allegedly advertised and performed patient treatment despite having no license as a physician, osteopathic physician, massage therapist, or physical therapist.

Snohomish County

In September 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted an X-ray technician credential to **Ajandra Kumar Singh** (XT60870389) and ordered him to continue participating in a chemical dependency monitoring program, a condition imposed on his certified medical assistant credential in 2016.

Spokane County

In September 2018 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Tyishia Leanne Boyce** (NA60774332) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Boyce was convicted of third-degree assault. In 2018 Boyce was charged with second-degree assault, harassment, and fourth-degree assault. The charges were filed after Boyce allegedly threw a knife at another person and began punching herself in the face. The other person said Boyce was highly intoxicated.

In September 2018 the Home Care Aide Program charged home care aide **Angel Grace Schmidt** (HM60707026) with unprofessional conduct. Schmidt allegedly appeared for a counseling session while she was intoxicated, and told the counselor she had a drinking problem, that she had alcohol in her purse, and that she had taken LSD. Later the same day, charges say, Schmidt reported to work while she was intoxicated.

In September 2018 the secretary of health conditionally granted a chemical dependency trainee credential to **Eric W. Exner** (CO60677921) and ordered him to participate in a substance use monitoring program. In 2013 Exner was convicted of driving under the influence, hit and run of an attended vehicle, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine.

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Thurston County

In September 2018 the secretary of health ended conditions on the certified medical assistant credential of **Whitney Alexandria Jordan** (CM60467553).

In September 2018 the secretary of health charged registered nurse **Mickey Lee Smith** (RN60119607) with unprofessional conduct. Smith allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient.

Out of State

Oregon: In September 2018 the Nursing Commission conditionally granted a registered nurse credential to **Jill Suzanne Thompson** (RN60864873) and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. On her application, Thompson said that in 2016 she entered an inpatient treatment program for a methamphetamine addiction.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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